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§ 221.1 The U.S. Postal Service.

(a) The U.S. Postal Service has been established as an independent establishment within the executive branch of the Government of the United States under the provisions of the Postal Reorganization Act of August 12, 1970, Pub. L. 91–375, 84 Stat. 719.

(b) As a complement to the information in the regulations in this part, a concise statement of the organization of the Postal Service can be found in the United State Government Organization Manual.

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§ 221.2 Board of Governors of the Postal Service.

(a) The Board of Governors directs the exercise of the powers of the Postal Service; reviews the practices and policies of the Postal Service; and directs and controls its expenditures.

(b) For composition of the Board of Governors, see § 3.1 of this chapter.

[38 FR 20403, July 31, 1973, as amended at 51 FR 40796, Nov. 10, 1986]

§ 221.3 Postmaster General.

(a) The Postmaster General (PMG) is the chief executive officer of the Postal Service and is responsible for its overall operation. The PMG is named and can be removed by a majority of the nine Governors.

(b) The Postmaster General determines appeals from the actions of staff and department heads, except that in cases where the PMG has delegated authority to make a decision to a subordinate, such subordinate may also determine appeals within the authority delegated.

(c) The Board of Governors has directed that the Postmaster General exercise the powers of the Postal Service to the extent that such exercise does not conflict with power reserved to the

Board by law. The Postmaster General is authorized to direct any officer, employee, or agent of the Postal Service to exercise such of the PMG's powers as the PMG deems appropriate. For the direction of the Board of Governors that the Postmaster General exercise the powers of the Postal Service, see §§ 3.5 and 4.3 of this chapter.

[38 FR 20403, July 31, 1973, as amended at 43 FR 29117, July 6, 1978; 45 FR 43718, June 30, 1980; 51 FR 40796, Nov. 10, 1986]

§ 221.4 Deputy Postmaster General.

(a) The Deputy Postmaster General is the alternate chief executive officer of the Postal Service. The Deputy is appointed and can be removed by the Postmaster General and the Governors. The Deputy is a voting member of the Board of Governors.

(b) The Deputy Postmaster General is required to perform all tasks as assigned by the Postmaster General. The Deputy acts as Postmaster General in the Postmaster General's absence or whenever a vacancy exists in the Office of Postmaster General.

(c) For delineation of authority of the Deputy Postmaster General by the Board of Governors see § 4.4 of this chapter.

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§ 221.5 Associate Postmasters General.

(a) The Associate Postmasters General are appointed and can be removed by the Postmaster General.

(b) The Associate Postmasters General are required to perform all tasks as assigned by the Postmaster General.

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§ 221.6 Groups and departments.

(a) Postal Service Headquarters is divided into five major groups: Operations Support, Finance, Human Resources, Marketing and Communications, and Administrative Services. Each group is headed by a Senior Assistant Postmaster General (SAPMG). The SAPMG for Finance reports directly to the Postmaster General. The SAPMG for Operations Support reports directly to the Deputy Postmaster